## **Claims**

1. (Original) A method for reducing a mixture of a plurality of malto-oligosaccharide species to a DE of essentially zero, said plurality of malto-oligosaccharide species differing at least in DP value this defining a DP profile for said mixture, the method comprising the steps of:

providing said malto-oligosaccharide mixture, and catalytically hydrogenating said mixture of malto-oligosaccharide species under hydrogenation conditions suitable to substantially preserve the DP profile of said mixture.

Claims 2-108 (Canceled).

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